

REMARKS

The present Amendment After Final is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 15, 2008, in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 11, 12, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38 and 42 contain allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the above-identified claims as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the Examiner's indication that claims 11, 12, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38 and 42 contain allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 10 and 11 therein, amended claim 32 to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 2 therein, amended independent claim 34 to incorporate the limitations of claim 35 therein, and amended independent claim 41 to incorporate the limitations of claim 42 therein. Applicants have also cancelled claims 10, 11, 35 and 42, amended claim 12 to depend from claim 1, amended claim 33 to depend from claim 32, and amended claim 37 to depend from claim 35.

The present application now has four independent claims, and Applicants submit herewith the fee for adding one extra independent claim.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 10, 15-18, 21, 22, 34, 39-41 and 43-46 as being unpatentable over the references cited on pages 2-8 of the Final Office Action. In view of the above-noted amendments, Applicants respectfully assert that all of the claims pending in the present application are now allowable.

Applicants respectfully assert that the present Amendment After Final be entered in the application because it raises no issues requiring further consideration or search.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 689-8700 in order to overcome any additional objections that she may have.

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